D.T.C. has been incurring losses mainly due to its fare structure and rising cost of labour and other inputs besides concessionality in passes to various groups of passengers such as, students, residents of resettlement colonies etc. For improving the financial performance of D.T.C, steps taken by D.T.C. includes route-rationalisation, economy, in expenditure better inventory control, prevention of leakage of revenue etc.

Nepal's Pact with India for Citizenship Rights and Working Conditions of 'Madeshias'

1951. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Nepal have express its willingness to have pacts with India in respect of citizenship rights and working conditions of "Madeshias" residing in Terai area ;

(b) whether any discussion between both the countries on this issue was held during the month of February, 1990 ; and

(c) if so, the outcome of the talks held and further steps Government propose to take to normalise relations with Nepal?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL) : (a) and (b) No Sir. This is not possible as Madeshias are Nepalese nationals.

(c) The Indo-Nepal official level talks in New Delhi in February, 1990 covered as wide range of issues—trade transit, security perceptions, treatment of each other's nationals cooperation in industry & water resources development etc. An effort was made to achieve progress towards a comprehensive solution of outstanding issues between India and Nepal. The next round of official talks expected to be held soon will be for taking this process further.

Expenditure on Repair of Collapsed Bridge on Mandovi River

1952. SHRI JOHN. F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the amount of expenditure Government have incurred since the collapse of bridge on river Mandovi in Goa to keep the traffic moving across this river ; and

(b) by when the new and old bridge would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K.P. UNNIKRISHNAN) : (a) An amount of Rs. 524.51 lakhs has so far been sanctioned for moving the traffic across river Mandovi in Goa on improvement of Ramps and Jetties and maintenance of Ferries since collapse of the bridge in July, 1986.

(b) The old and new bridges on river Mandovi are targetted to be completed by December, 1990.

Sanctioning of Separate 'Telecom Circle' for Goa

1953. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any proposal has been pending before the Union Cabinet to sanction to Goa separate 'Telecom Circle' by delinking it from the present Bombay Telecom Circle ; and

(b) if so, by when this Telecom Circle is likely to be established?